

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject Patent Application:

In the Claims:

Claim 1. (Canceled)

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) A manicuring appliance comprising:

an elongated member having first and second ends; ~~[[,]] wherein said first and second ends are each adapted to attach to said elongated member,~~

a proximal member releasably coupled to said first end of said elongated member, said proximal member having a first end including an arcuately formed wall member and an arcuately formed blade member, said arcuately formed blade member being positioned adjacent said arcuately formed wall member, said arcuately formed wall member and said arcuately formed blade member each extending transverse to a horizontal axis of said proximal member;
and

a distal member releasably coupled to said second end of said elongated member. ~~said first end being adapted to receive a cutting member in a position to cut said cuticle along an accurate path, said cutting member having at least one cutting edge spaced from a safety barrier.~~

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The appliance as recited in claim 2 wherein said arcuately formed blade ~~cutting~~ member is removably displaceable from said proximal member ~~removable~~.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) The appliance as recited in claim 2 wherein said arcuately formed blade ~~cutting~~ member is secured in place with a retention cap.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The appliance as recited in claim 2 wherein said distal member includes ~~second end comprises~~ a pusher for shaping a cuticle and preparing ~~prepare~~ it for cutting.

Claims 6-12. (Canceled)

Claim 13. (New) The manicuring appliance as recited in Claim 2, wherein said elongated member includes a hollow cavity at said first and second ends thereof.

Claim 14. (New) The manicuring appliance as recited in Claim 13 wherein said elongated member further includes a pair of apertures formed on each of said first and second ends thereof.

Claim 15. (New) The manicuring appliance as recited in Claim 14, where said proximal member includes a pair of probes protruding from a second end thereof, each said probe respectively having a securing tab projecting therefrom, wherein, said pair of probes is received in said hollow cavity of said first end of said elongated member and each said securing tab being received in each respective one of said apertures of said first end of said elongated member when said proximal member is coupled to said elongated member.

Claim 16. (New) The manicuring appliance as recited in claim 14, where said distal member includes a pair of probes protruding from an end thereof, each said probe respectively having a securing tab projecting therefrom, wherein said pair of probes is received in said hollow cavity of said second end of said elongated member and each said securing tab being received in each respective one of said apertures of said second end of said elongated member when said distal member is coupled to said elongated member.